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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director/Intelligence

SUBJECT : Draft NSC Action Rescinding NSC 169

REFERENCE : Memorandum for NSC Planning Board from Acting Director, dated April 3, 1958, Subject: Electro-Magnetic Communications

1. The Inter Office Telecommunications Advisory Committee has reviewed the draft NSC action rescinding NSC 169, Electro-Magnetic Communications, and submits for your consideration the following comments together with a suggested re-draft for the proposed action.

a. The Inter Office Telecommunications Advisory Committee has no objection to the rescission of NSC 169 since the programs which it calls for have been implemented in whole or in part.


b. It is assumed from the language of the draft NSC action that the NSC wishes those programs which have been initiated under NSC 169 to be continued and coordinated by the OCB and by the Office of Defense Mobilization. Certain of the programs concerned have been developed on an inter-agency basis and require continuation and cooperation by the agencies concerned. We believe, therefore, that the language of the NSC action should be revised to emphasize the fact that rescission of NSC 169 does not call for or imply termination of any of the programs established pursuant to NSC 169. For the same reason we believe that paragraph 2.b.2 of the draft action should assign to the Director of the Office of Defense Mobilization responsibility for coordinating the development of all the programs under NSC 169 for which coordinating responsibility was assigned to ODM by NSC action No. 1796-b(4).

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c. With respect to paragraph 2.b.1. we believe that OCB should continue to coordinate the development of programs for the appraisal of the technical aspects of U.S. international broadcasting. This is, in fact, the area in which OCB is presently acting. An inter-agency committee chaired by the Department of State is concerned with the non-technical aspects of international broadcasting.

2. The attached re-draft of the proposed NSC action incorporates language reflecting the above comments.

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Chairman, Inter Office  
Telecommunications Advisory Committee

Attachment: a/s

**DRAFT PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATION  
TO THE COUNCIL AND PROPOSED NSC ACTION**

1. The Planning Board recommends that the Council first note the report by the Director of the ODM (enclosure to the reference memo of March 12, 1958) by the following action:

a. Noted the report (enclosure to the reference memorandum of March 12, 1958) prepared pursuant to NSC Action No. 1796-b(4) by the Director of the Office of Defense Mobilization, including agreed changes in paragraphs 5-b, 6 and 7 of NSC 169 which relate respectively to (1) Increase in Monitoring Activity; (2) Measures to reduce U.S. Vulnerability to Soviet Jamming; and (3) Retaliatory Jamming; such changes having been worked out in collaboration with and approved by the Departments of State and Defense and the Central Intelligence Agency.

2. The Planning Board, having reviewed NSC 169, notes (a) that the actions contemplated by NSC 169 have already been implemented in whole or in part, or (b) that the programs contained in NSC 169 are being carried out on a continuing basis as the established responsibility of the appropriate departments and agencies. The Planning Board is, therefore, of the opinion that NSC 169 can be rescinded, subject to a proviso that the rescission does not, [is not intended] of itself, [to] cancel or change any of the programs being carried out under NSC 169. The Planning Board accordingly recommends the following Council action:

b. Recommended that the President rescind NSC 169 subject to the understanding that:

(1) The OCB will continue to coordinate the development of programs (consistent with approved national security policies) designed to make realistic appraisals of THE TECHNICAL ASPECTS of US International broadcasting, particularly to the Soviet Bloc.

(2) The Director of the Office of Defense Mobilization will continue to coordinate the development, in agreement with the Department of Defense and other responsible Government agencies (as appropriate) of the programs [on the subject] (consistent with approved national security policies), referred to ODM by NSC Action No. 1796-b(4). [designed (a) to determine Soviet jamming potential; (b) to determine the extent of jamming activities we may wish to direct toward the Soviet Bloc; and (c) to furnish information vital to international negotiations regarding the use of the radio spectrum.]

(3) Such rescission [is] does not, of itself,  
[intended to] cancel or change any of the programs [being]  
carried out/ established under NSC 169 or agreed arrangements  
by departments and agencies with respect to such programs,  
including agreed arrangements by the Director of the Office  
of Defense Mobilization and other departments and agencies  
referred to in a above.

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